* payment beyond the above limits require prior Government approval.

However, payment of royalty by Indian Companies to their foreign collaborators depends on commercial considerations and mutually agreed upon terms between the Indian company and the foreign collaborator.

Treatment for Angioplasty and CABG in Government recognised Hospitals

*11. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3151 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st April, 2003 and state:

(a) the number of days for which a CGHS beneficiary can obtain treatment for undergoing Angioplasty and CABG (Open Heart Surgery) on admission to a Government recognised hospital; and

(b) the position with regard to conditions/restrictions imposed for such treatment and entitlement for room rent, medicines, doctors visit, etc. which a CGHS beneficiary could obtain for further treatment in such cases in 1999, giving details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) The Department of Health has issued on O.M. dated 7.9.2001 which guides the terms of treatment and diagnostic procedure in a Government recognised hospital. According to this O.M., the number of days for which a CGHS beneficiary can obtain treatment for undergoing CABG (Open Heart Surgery) on admission to a Government recognized hospital is 12 days as included in the package rates. For Angioplasty, the package rate envisages the duration of indoor treatment as 7-8 days.

This period of treatment has been specified for all private hospitals recognized under CGHS from the year 2001 onwards. Prior to 2001, the package deal for treatment in private recognized hospitals did stipulate a financial ceiling for these medical procedures though the duration of indoor treatment for these procedures was not laid down. However, the financial ceiling fixed for these medical procedures prior to 2001 has been substantially increased from 2001 onwards.

(b) As per O.M. No. S-11017/1/95-CGHS(P) dated 20.9.1995, which was applicable in 1999, CGHS beneficiaries were eligible for postoperative treatment relating to Cardiac diseases in the same institution/ hospital where the surgery was earlier carried out with prior permission of CGHS.The follow-up treatment was, however, subject to the following conditions:-

(i) The reimbursement of consultation fee paid for such treatment by CGHS beneficiaries would be limited to the rates as fixed under CS (MA) Rules.

(ii) The beneficiary would collect all the medicines prescribed in connection with the treatment from the dispensary concerned.

(iii) The expenditure on tests/investigations, if any, would be reimbursed as per the schedule of charges given in the O.M. No. S-11012/4/94-CGHS(P) dated 4.9.95. The tests/investigations for which no rates have been fixed in the said O.M. would be reimbursed in full.

Import of set top boxes

*12. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the permission to import Set Top boxes after drastic cut in import duty would not only result indumping of cheap and poor quality Set Top boxes but it would also adversely affect indigenous manufacturers who can not compete in short term; and

(b) the remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Consumer Electronics and T.V. Manufacturers' Association (CETMA) & some manufacturers had made an appeal for reduction of Customs duty on the import of components required for manufacture of Set Top Boxes. The import of components was rationalised by the Government to give a boost to the indigenous industry, for manufacturing Set Top